

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 11, 12 and 17 to 23 have been cancelled and Claims 9 and 13 have been amended as set forth below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1 to 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) An electric device for releasing active substances, comprising:
a support body;

an external plug ~~derived~~ stemming from said support body for connecting the device to a main supply;

a flat wick comprising a first arm and two divergent arms which extend from said first arm;

a heater element situated close to said flat wick;

a heat-formed container comprising a reservoir, said flat wick being arranged to convey an active substance by capillarity from the reservoir up to an area of said flat wick which protrudes out of the reservoir of said heat-formed container and which is located close to said heater element, wherein the reservoir has a noticeably triangular configuration and a flat extension with a depression housing ~~a first part~~ said first arm of said flat wick, which is pressed between a surface of the flat extension and an impermeable strip, which is thermowelded to said heat-formed container,

wherein said two divergent arms of said flat wick extend from said first arm into the reservoir in a manner such that if said external plug is vertically oriented, a first one of said two divergent arms is substantially vertically oriented so as to guarantee contact with the active

substance, and if said external plug is horizontally oriented, a second one of said two divergent arms is substantially vertically oriented so as to guarantee contact with the active substance.

10. (Previously Presented) The electric device for releasing active substances according to Claim 9, wherein said flat wick is a Y-shaped wick.

11 and 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The electric device for releasing active substances according to Claim 9 [[12]], wherein said first arm of said ~~Y-shaped~~ flat wick is positioned in the depression provided in the flat extension while an end of each divergent arm is located in a corresponding groove provided in a corresponding edge of the reservoir.

14. (Previously Presented) The electric device for releasing active substances according to Claim 13, wherein the impermeable strip, which seals the reservoir and is also attached to the flat extension, is provided with a hole for the output of vapors caused by said heater element warming the active substance, said heater element facing the flat extension where said flat wick is situated.

15. (Previously Presented) The electric device for releasing active substances according to Claim 14, wherein the hole is plugged by a sealing strip arranged to be removed when the device is going to be used for the first time so as to prevent leakage of the active substance during storage and handling of the device.

16. (Previously Presented) The electric device for releasing active substances according to Claim 13, wherein said external plug is not rotatable with respect to said heat-formed container.

17 to 23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The electric device for releasing active substances according to Claim 9, wherein the impermeable strip, which seals the reservoir and is also attached to the flat extension, is provided with a hole for the output of vapors caused by said heater element warming the active substance, said heater element facing the flat extension where said flat wick is situated.

25. (Previously Presented) The electric device for releasing active substances according to Claim 24, wherein the hole is plugged by a sealing strip arranged to be removed when the device is going to be used for the first time so as to prevent leakage of the active substance during storage and handling of the device.

26. (Previously Presented) The electric device for releasing active substances according to Claim 9, wherein said heater element is supplemented with an inner safety housing.

27. (Previously Presented) The electric device for releasing active substances according to Claim 9, wherein said external plug is not rotatable with respect to said heat-formed container.

28. (Previously Presented) The electric device for releasing active substances according to Claim 9, further comprising a housing attached to said support body, said housing arranged to permit access to or exchangeability of said heat-formed container.